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Afghanistan – UN Official Calls to Include Children’s Rights in Afghan Peace

17th March 2020 — The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children (SRSG) and Armed Conflict, Virginia Gamba, in a statement on Monday called for the inclusion of “child protection” and the “specific needs and rights of children in the intra-Afghan negotiations throughout the peace process,” which is “a crucial consideration to bring sustainable peace in the country.”

Tolo news — Full article
Afghanistan – What Does Peace Mean to Afghan Children Who Have Never Known It?

6th March 2020 — After 18 years of conflict, the announcement brought smiles to the faces of many. However, the poor and homeless street children, who have lost their beloved parents to the war, need more than peace. What does this dubious agreement mean to them? Will it put an end to their daily struggles?

The Globe Post — Full article

Global – Children Affected by Armed Conflict Even More Vulnerable in These Uncertain Times – Message from the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict

30th March 2020 — The world as we know it is facing an unprecedented global crisis, one that compounds the suffering of the world’s already most vulnerable—especially those who live in armed conflict environments.

Office of the Special Representative of Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict — Full article

Global – UN Official Welcomes New Legislation Criminalizing Child Recruitment

17th March 2020 — Following an extensive period of consultations and advocacy from the United Nations, the National Assembly in the Central African Republic adopted recently the Child Protection Code which criminalizes the recruitment and use of children among other crimes. The Code was introduced by the Minister for the Promotion of Women, Family and Child Protection.

Office of the Special Representative of Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict — Full article

Mexico – Redim estimó en 30 mil los niños y adolescentes cooptados por el crimen organizado

5 de marzo de 2020 — En México desaparecen 4 y asesinan a 3.5 niños, niñas y jóvenes cada día, informó la Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en México

Infobae – Articulo completo
Syrie – Cinq millions d'enfants syriens nés durant la guerre, un million nés réfugiés

15 mars 2020 – Près de cinq millions d'enfants syriens sont nés durant la guerre et un million d'autres en exil, alors que la Syrie est en proie depuis neuf ans à une révolte qui s'est rapidement transformée en guerre civile, a annoncé dimanche l'UNICEF.

Radio Canada – Article complet

Syrie – L'ONU appelle à la protection des enfants, des infrastructures civiles et à la cessation des hostilités

5 mars 2020 – Il est maintenant plus urgent que jamais de mettre fin à la violence en Syrie et d'améliorer l'accès à travers le pays, ont déclaré jeudi la Directrice exécutive de l'UNICEF, Henrietta Fore, et le Directeur exécutif du Programme alimentaire mondial (PAM), David Beasley, en conclusion d'une visite de deux jours dans ce pays.

ONU Info – Article complet

Syria – Syrian children in Idlib work to feed families after bombs end their schooling

28th March 2020 — Now they are relatively safe from the bombs that forced them away, though they have few supplies to keep themselves warm and fed. And for Mustafa and his siblings, there are no nearby schools to learn how to read and write.

Middle-East Eye — Full article

Yemen – Houthis Use Yemeni Child Soldiers to Fuel Ongoing War

9th March 2020 — In light of recent escalations in al-Jawf, Nihm and Ad Dali fronts, Houthi leaders intensified their local recruitment operations in areas under the group’s control. According to human rights sources, they mostly targeted minors and school students.

Asharq Al-Awsat — Full article

Yemen – Yemen War Leaves 'Devastating' Impact on The Mental Health of Children

24th March 2020 — The Saudi-led coalition's long war in Yemen has left a “devastating” impact on children’s mental health, an international charity says. According to a report by Save the Children charity group, more than half the Yemeni children surveyed said they struggle with feelings of sadness and depression more than five years after the beginning of a war that has plunged the country into what the United Nations says is the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Albawaba — Full article
Yémen – Yémen : une guerre dévastatrice pour la santé mentale des enfants

24 mars 2020 – L’ONG Save the Children évoque une vague de dépression chez les jeunes Yéménites en raison d’un contexte local insupportable. Le conflit opposant les rebelles Houthis, soutenus par l’Iran, aux forces loyales au gouvernement, appuyé depuis 2015 par une coalition militaire menée par l’Arabie saoudite, piétine chaque jour un peu plus les droits de l’Homme, relaie La Tribune de Genève. Si les morts ne se comptent plus (plusieurs dizaines de milliers), les survivants eux semblent avoir perdu tout espoir de lendemain plus “lumineux”.

Le Monde Arabe – Article complet